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AUGUST REVIEW

August was a busy time for producers who were harvesting fruit, vegetables, pulse crops, potatoes and wheat. Yields were reported as average or below for pulse, wheat, and potato crops due to the effects of the July heat wave. August continued to be mostly hot and dry with a few light scattered showers mid-month. The lack of moisture increased fire dangers throughout the state but especially in the southeast corner. Christmas tree growers were busy with shearing and top working Noble fir. Overall range and pasture conditions continued to decrease, and livestock producers were supplemental feeding hay as the dry conditions decreased pasture growth.

PRICES

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR FARM PRODUCTS (DOLLAR/UNIT)

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Prelim. Aug. 2006	Entire Month		Prelim. Aug. 2006	U.S. Parity Price
		Aug. 2005	July 2006		Aug. 2005	July 2006		
		Washington			United States			
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.33	4.04	3.96	3.24	3.89	3.88	10.50
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	3.20	3.93	3.89	3.16	3.82	3.81	-
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	3.75	4.51	4.25	3.43	4.41	4.07	-
Barley, All	Bu.	2.15	2.34	2.28	2.50	2.70	2.69	7.33
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	1.95	2.14	2.03	7.84
Lentils	Cwt.	-	-	-	11.80	7.80	7.37	-
Chickpeas, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	20.60	1/	1/	-
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.49	1.78	1.70	4.36
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	21.40	21.70	20.30	55.40
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.24	5.03	4.64	-
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	5.95	7.90	7.85	7.02	11.02	9.03	16.20
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	4.50	6.30	-	4.70	6.14	-	-
Hay, All (baled) 2/	Tons	112.00	122.00	126.00	99.70	107.00	106.00	-
Alfalfa (baled) 2/	Tons	110.00	120.00	125.00	108.00	113.00	110.00	-
Hay, Other (baled) 2/	Tons	120.00	130.00	130.00	77.00	89.30	91.50	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.87
Apples, Fresh 3/	Lbs.	0.171	0.336	0.384	0.211	0.336	0.399	0.532
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt.	-	-	-	84.40	86.10	87.70	195.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	87.70	90.40	91.80	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	133.00	136.00	134.00	270.00
Milk Cows 4/	Head	-	1,750.00	-	-	1,680.00	-	-
Broilers, Live 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.440	0.400	0.420	-
Eggs, Market 2/	Doz.	0.290	0.320	0.450	0.266	0.248	0.388	1.79
Milk, All Wholesale 6/	Cwt.	14.70	11.50	11.60	14.80	11.80	11.90	38.80
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	51.00	50.20	51.60	118.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	43.00	27.40	-	96.40
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	109.00	93.10	-	235.00

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. 2/ All prices are mid-month estimates. 3/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for CA, MI, NY, and WA and price at point of the first sale for other states. 4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices estimated quarterly (January, April, July, & October). 5/ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers. Includes growers and contractors. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

Asparagus for Fresh Market & Processing: Harvested, Yield, Production, & Value

State	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Value			
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	Per Cwt.		Total	
							2005	2006	2005	2006
	Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
California	29,000	22,500	36	34	1,044	765	114.00	128.00	119,016	97,920
Michigan 1/	12,200	11,700	19	22	232	257	51.80	57.80	12,006	14,866
Washington	13,000	10,000	41	43	532	430	51.80	52.00	27,580	22,376
United States	54,200	44,200	33	33	1,808	1,452	87.70	93.10	158,602	135,162

1/ 2005 Revised.

Sweet Corn for Processing, Area Harvested, Yield, & Production

State	Harvested Acres			Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2005		Ind. 2006 Contract 1/	2005 Total	Ind. 2006 Contract 1/	2005		Ind. 2006 Contract 1/
	Total	Contract 1/				Total	Contract 1/	
	Acres			Tons		Tons		
Delaware	7,300	7,300		6.72		49,020	49,020	
Maryland	6,700	6,700	6,900	6.24	6.60	41,840	41,840	45,540
Minnesota	136,400	136,400	131,000	7.16	7.05	977,090	977,090	923,550
New York	17,600	17,600	17,200	6.60	6.90	116,160	116,160	118,680
Oregon	23,200	23,200	27,000	10.08	9.20	233,810	233,810	248,400
Pennsylvania	1,300	1,300	1,200	5.10	6.50	6,630	6,630	7,800
Washington	81,200	81,200	83,800	9.76	9.40	792,160	792,160	787,720
Wisconsin	92,000	91,400	80,400	7.39	7.10	680,230	675,620	570,840
Other States 2/	38,210	38,210	44,100	7.25	7.38	277,180	277,180	325,430
United States	403,910	403,310	391,600	7.86	7.73	3,174,120	3,169,510	3,027,960

1/ Includes acreage from major brokers. 2/ 2006 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ 2005 - ID, IL, IA, NJ, TN, and VA. 2006 - DE, ID, IL, IA, NJ, and TN.



POTATOES: ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

Seasonal Group & State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		
Winter Total 1/	19.8	17.5	247	264	4,818	4,892	4,615
Spring Total 1/	66.7	69.7	281	296	22,663	18,724	20,646
Summer Total	51.4	54.8	342	342	18,307	17,567	18,731
Fall: 2/ 3/							
California	7.6	7.8	435	-	3,648	3,306	-
Colorado	58.0	59.7	395	-	23,791	22,910	-
Idaho:	323.0	328.0	366	-	131,970	118,288	-
10 SW Co.	21.0	19.0	470	-	12,250	9,870	-
Other Co.	302.0	309.0	359	-	119,720	108,418	-
North Dakota	82.0	95.0	250	-	26,765	20,500	-
Oregon:	37.1	35.0	594	-	19,775	22,023	-
Malheur	3.8	3.0	450	-	2,444	1,710	-
Other Co.	33.3	32.0	610	-	17,331	20,313	-
Washington	154.0	156.0	620	-	93,810	95,480	-
Wisconsin	68.0	66.0	410	-	30,450	27,880	-
Fall Total	949.0	974.4	403	-	410,253	382,743	-
U.S. Total	1,086.9	1,116.4	390	-	456,041	423,926	-

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

2/ 2005 crop revised.

3/ The forecast of fall potato production will be published in the November "Crop Production."